

GRAUSTARK

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28 December 1968

1968CI ("Graustark II") "Spring 1901"

HEAVY TRAFFIC IN BALKANS

ENGLAND (Grayson): F Edi-Norwegian Sea; F Lon-North Sea; A Liv-Edi.

FRANCE (Clark): F Bre-Mid; A Par-Bur; A Mar-Gas.

GERMANY (Reiter): A Ber-Kie; A Mun-Ruh; F Kie-Den.

ITALY (Prosnitz): A Ven-Pie; A Rom-Ven; F Nap-Ion;

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Birsan): A Vie-Tri; F Tri-Alb; A Bud-Ser.

RUSSIA (Bytwerk): F Sev-Bla; A Mos-Sev; A War-Ukr; F St.P(s.c.)-Bot.

TURKEY (ver Ploeg): A Con-Bul; A Smy-Con; F Ank holds.

The deadline for "Fall 1901" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 1411 JANUARY 1969. Press releases for 1968CI appear on p. 9.

1968G

"Winter 1907"

ENGLAND (Walker): Removes F Por.
RUSSIA (Prosnitz): No retreat received. A Norway removed.

TURKEY (Lebling): Builds A Smy.

The deadline for "Spring 1908" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 11 JANUARY 1969.

The Turkish move "A Arm-Ank" was inadvertently omitted from the report of "Fall 1907" moves in GRAUSTARK #171.

PARIS: Purdence G. Two Shoes had announced war - on the notorious sisters Peg the Night (Capagrahous One) Fighter who really camp-follower and Pil the Promiscuous One. The two sisters harden fighters of life's battles are running for President and Vice-President in special election advocated by "Happies" and locked by Pil's and Peg's campaign managers

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"Graustark III"

"Spring 1901"

ITALIAN FORCES INVADE AUSTRIA

ENGLAND (Schelz): F Edi-North Sea; F Lon-Eng; A Liv-Edi.

FRANCE (Ward): F Bre-Mid; A Par-Pic; A Mar-Spa.

GERMANY (H. Anderson): A Ber-Kie; A Mun-Ruh; F Kie-Hol.

ITALY (Comber): A Ven-Tyr; A Rom-Ven; F Nap-Ion.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (McLeod): A Vie-Tri; F Tri-Alb; A Bud-Ser.

RUSSIA (Manogg): F St.P(s.c.)-Bot; A War holds; A Mos-St.P; F Sev-Rum.

TURKEY (Beshara): A Con-Bul; A Smy-Con; F Ank-Bla.

The deadline for "Fall 1901" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 11 JANUARY 1969.

ST. PETERSBURG (1 March 1901): The Russian admiralty today announced that new designations would be given the Russian fleets. The Baltic fleet will henceforth be known as the WESTERN FLEET, and the Black Sea fleet known as the SOUTHERN FLEET. "In this time of rising tensions, this avoidance of names that might possibly give offense to our neighbors is the least we can do to maintain the peace of Europe.

STOCKHOLM: With the expulsion of the last of the Bernadotte dynasty, it is rumored here that a Russian Prince will be chosen as the next King of Sweden. The candidate most mentioned in Prince Felix von Rum-sodden. Prince Felix is a nephew of the Tsar, and is also related to the German Emperor. Prince Felix is at present serving as Colonel of the 4th Siberian VCavalry, better known as the "de Sade" regiment.

PARIS (2 March 1901): In the 13th (continued on p. 4)

1968CH ("Graustark I")

"Fall 1961"

AUSTRO-TURKISH ALLIANCE HITS SOMNOLENT RUSSIANS

ENGLAND (Linden): F Norwegian Sea-Norway; F North Sea-Hol; A Edi-Yor.

FRANCE (Berman): A Gas-Mar; A Bur-Bel; F Mid-Por.GERMANY (D. Johnston): F Den-Swe; A Ruh-Bel; A Kie-Mun.ITALY (White): A Pie-Mar; F Ion-Tun; A Tus holds ((sic; no such unit exists)); A Nap not ordered, holds.AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Kuch): A Vie-Gal; A Rum S TURKISH A Arm-Sev; F Alb-Gre.RUSSIA (C. Johnson): No moves received. F Bot, A War, & A Ukr hold.
F Sev dislodged and annihilated.TURKEY (McLeod): A Arm-Sev; F Bla S A Arm-Sev; A Bul S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN
A Rum.

Underlined moves are not possible. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Edi, Hol, Liv, Lon, Nor. ITALY: Nap, Rom, Tun, Ven. (4)

(5)

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Bud, Gre, Rum, Tri,

FRANCE: Bre, Mar, Par, Por. (4)

Vie. (5)

GERMANY: Ber, Kie, Mun, Swe. (4)

RUSSIA: Mos, St.P, War. (3)

TURKEY: Ank, Bul, Con, Sev, Smy. (5)

England, Turkey, and Austria-Hungary may each build 2 new units, and France, Germany, and Italy may each build one. The deadline for these "Winter 1961" builds is NOON, SATURDAY 11 JANUARY 1968. Press releases for 1968CH appear on p. 4.

1967U

"Spring 1917"

ITALIANS EXPEL TURKS ONCE AGAIN

Following the "Fall 1916" moves, Germany built A Kie and Italy built F Rom.

GERMANY (M. Miller): No moves received. A Kie, A Mun, A ~~Bur~~, A Sil, A Fru, A St.P, A Ber, F Bot, F Bal hold. A Sil dislodged and annihilated.ITALY (Clark): F Bar-Norwegian Sea; A Liv S GERMAN A St.P-Mos; A Pie-Tyr; A Tus-Ven; F Ven-Apu; A Nap S F Ven-Apu; F Rom-Tyr; F Ion-Adr; F Tun-Ion.RUSSIA (G. Heap): A War-Sil; A Mos-Liv; A Sev-Mos.TURKEY (Beshara): A Boh & A Gal S RUSSIAN A War-Sil; A Ukr S RUSSIAN A Sev-Mos; A Vie S A Boh; A Tri-Tyr; A Ser-Tri; F Eas-Aeg; F Alb-Gre; F Adr-Alb; F Apu-Ion.

Underlined moves are not possible. The Turkish F Apu is annihilated. The deadline for "Fall 1917" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 11 JANUARY 1969. The first stand-by, Terry Kush (4242 East-West Highway, Chevy Chase, Md. 20015) is asked to send in moves for Germany in case the present player of that country misses two moves in succession.

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If your press release was crowded out of this issue, it will appear in the next one.

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"Fall-Winter 1907"

ENGLISH DRIVE ITALIANS OUT OF MUNICH

The English unit in Kiel, incorrectly identified as an army in GRAUSTARK #171, is a fleet.

Following "Spring 1907" moves; Italy retreated A Tri-Alb. All players were informed of this retreat.

ENGLAND (H. Anderson): F Livonia holds; A Pru-Ber; F Kie S A Pru-Ber; A Ruh-Mun; A Bur S A Ruh-Mun; F Mid-Wes; F Spa(s.c.) S F Mid-Wes; F Eng-Mid; A Bre-Par; A Lon-Hol; F North Sea C A Lon-Hol; F Ber-Bal.

ITALY (Gemignani): A Boh-Vie; A Mun-Boh; A Tyr-Tri; F Smy-Aeg; A Alb-Ser; F Lyo-Tyr; F Lon-Gre.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Latimer): No moves received. A War, A Sil, A Bud, A Vie, A Rum, A Bul, A Tri, & F Gre hold.

TURKEY (White): A Arm-Sev; A Con-Smy; F Aeg S A Con-Smy F Bla-Con.

Underlined moves are not possible.

ITALY: Big Al and his brother-in-law Giavani (the Enforcer) Copone announced he is taking over in Italy. We except suitable offers for them guys who wish to remain health. Our protection is at new low rate for Special Introductory off (Later baby, I am buzy) We offer all kinds of service Miss Bang Bang over here is in charge of personal relationships. (Please to meet you) And Me & Giovani is in charge.

The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:
ENGLAND: Bel, Ber, Bre, Den, Edi, Hol, Kie, Liv, Lon, Mun, Nor, Par, St.F, Spa, Swe. (15)

ITALY: Mar, Nap, Per, Rom, Ser, Tun, Ven. (7)

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Bud, Bul, Gre, Mos, Rum, Tri, Vie, War. (8)

TURKEY: Ank, Con, Sev, Smy. (4)

Following the "Fall 1907" moves the following retreats, remov and builds were made:

ENGLAND: Builds F Lon, A Liv, A Edi.

ITALY: A Mun annihilated; no moves received. F Smy annihilated; no builds.

The deadline for "Spring 1908" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 11 JANUARY 1969. Edi Birsan as stand-by is asked to send in "Spring 1908" moves for Austria-Hungary in case the present player misses that move. Edi Birsan's address is 48-20 39th St., Long Island City, N. Y. 11104.

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the former constable Butz-Man and Don Juan - Regent of France. Miss Prudence feel the Yeast Villagers are a new low in degeneraten (worst than Reinears & Uerks). She was farther socked by Don Juan's offer to crenet the alliance between King-Emperor Huon by a wedding between Col. Sebastian Moran Prime Minister and Earl of Northumbria and the Lily of Brest, Anna Maria Alberque, heiress of dela Crest Empire, first in French bread.

World Famous Chief Pierre de Bonchance has be asked to serve at the reception. The Enterment will be supplied by the Yeast Village Nudest and Put Out Club whose new musical "Orgy" is suiting many nations.

This publication is not edited under the supervision of Bangs Leslie Tapscott, Peggy Swenson, or Martin Marprelate.

"GRAUSTARK I" - PRESS RELEASES

BERLIN: Two captains, one guard;
Swift! Snare wing'd Victory,
Blade across each side.

WASHINGTON (20 January 1961): As thousands of his supporters cried "Fig Heil!", President Figasus J. Fig was sworn into office today. The Chief Justice could not administer the oath, since he was hospitalized with swine erysipelas, and Associate Justice Abe Forskin declined on religious grounds, so the oath was administered by Associate Justice Chester White. White, a man of considerable experience with pig-skin, gave the oath in the new President's native language. The complete ceremony follows:

Justice White: SOOOO-EEY SOOEY SOOEY Pig Pig Pig FI-I-IG!

President Fig: Oink!

Following the inhoguration, the new President led a parade of his supporters up Figrennsylvania Avenue to the Hog House. Several Pig Balls celebrated the inhoguration.

WASHINGTON (20 January 1961): President Fig announced his first cabinet appointments. They are:

Secretary of State: Corn Husk.

Secretary of Conquest (formerly Secretary of Defense): Melvin Lard
Postmaster-General: Winton M. Snout

Secretary of Health, Education, Welfare, Housing, Urban Development, Transportation, and Labor: no appointment will be made, as these posts interfere with the war effort

Secretary of White Supremacy: Daniel J. Moynkihan

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crisis since January 1, the Republic once again has a new premeir, ((sic)) Pierre Reynaud of the Revolutionary Centrist Party was sworn in by President Montmercy in a ceremony strangely quiet after last weeks ((sic)) riots. The party, a coalition of dissident elements of the Catholic Center Party, Radical Socialists, and Monarchist Party (Orleans branch) is viewed as right of center, mildly pro-English, and committed to a strengthened military program to counter German expansion in Africa, while cooperating with them in Europe. The new government is not universally popular and underground signs saying "Reynaud is a hetero-sexual" have already appeared on Paris buildings.

THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

Your Gamesmaster never ceases to be amazed at the naivete of people who think that "Special Delivery" in some way speeds up the mail. Does anyone know where this notion might have got started?

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Richard Nixon has demonstrated shocking ingratitude in not appointing to his cabinet the two men most responsible for his election to the presidency - Sirhan Bishara Sirhan and Richard J. Daley.

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THE DIPLOMATIC POUCH

JOHN BESHARA, Apt. 1021, 155 W. 68th St., New York, N. Y. 10023: Going back to the situation concerning Silesia and Prussia in 1967U that occurred a couple of moves back, I still need some clarification.

1. In the following example is the situation which essentially occurred and you ruled A Sil could retreat to Pru:

GERMANY: A Pru-Liv; F Bal S A Pru-Liv; A Sil-War.

RUSSIA: A Liv-Pru; A War S A Liv-Pru; A Ber-Sil; A Boh S A Ber-Sil. ((As always, underlined moves are ruled as impossible. A retreat is possible here.))

2. In the following example, can Sil now retreat to Pru?

GERMANY: A Pru-Liv; F Bal & F Bot S A Pru-Liv; A Sil-Pru.

RUSSIA: A Liv-Pru; A War S A Liv-Pru; A Ber-Sil; A Boh S A Ber-Sil. ((Here the retreat is not possible. Prussia was left vacant owing to a stand-off.))

3. In the following example, can Sil now retreat to Pru:

GERMANY: A Pru-Liv; F Bal & F Bot S A Pru-Liv; A Sil-War.

RUSSIA: A Liv-Pru; A War-Pru; A Ber-Sil; A Boh S A Ber-Sil. ((Nobody can retreat to Prussia, for the same reason as in the previous example.))

...Somehow or other, since I started playing seriously I've come upon the expression that "you cannot retreat to a space in which an action has occurred." I know that Peery used to rule that way - there have been so many changes of his rules that I no longer know what his rules are.

...Can F Bul(s.c.) support F Sev or A Ukr to Rum?

((No. The rulebook states that "the space in which support is given must be one to which the supporting unit could have made a move if not opposed by other units". The only modification of this rule concerns the provinces with two coasts: "A fleet which may move to one of these provinces may 'support' in such province...without regard for the separation of the coastline into two stretches.")

E. GARY GYGAX, 330 Center St., Lake Geneva, Wisc. 53147: The International Federation of Wargamers may be picking up a number of Tolkien fans who have invented a game based on his works. They have also done games on some of Edgar Rice Burroughs' books. Coupled with our work on a space wargame, it is safe to assume that IFW will soon have a large and thriving fantasy and science-fiction group within it.

EUGENE FROSNITZ, 200 Clinton St., Brooklyn, N. Y. 11201: Your citing of the Second Amendment is gun lobby propaganda. You imply that they have about a five percent case, when in reality they have no case.

The Second Amendment gives the states the right to a militia, i. e., National Guard. It does not give individuals the right to bear arms. The Supreme Court has so held many times, e. g. when they upheld New York's Sullivan Law.

No civilized country in the world allows the unrestricted gun use that we do. (After looking at Viet Nam, the Gun Lobby, Wallace and Chicago, one could hardly call this nation civilized. The fact that the Russians are equally bad (Czechoslovakia) doesn't excuse us.) I've never gone along with those who see fascism under every bed, but it seems like the main difference between Germany in 1931 or 1932 and the U. S. today is that Hitler got about 45% of the vote, and Wallace is only expected to get 20%. It seems like a thin margin of difference.

((This estimate, sent in in September, was like most estimates of the Wallace vote at that time inflated by half again as much as the actual total. Both these expectations and the actual vote were increased beyond reasonable proportion by Wallace's enemies, who characterized him as a "third major candidate". This aura of respectability

brought Wallace votes he otherwise never would have received, and made it appear as if his movement bore some significance in the contemporary political scene. A similar spasm of publicity in the press would have done as much for the perpetual Prohibitionist candidacy, or for Bishop Tomlinson, or for the late Henry "Farmer" Krajewski, the Secaucus pig farmer.

((But alas! for all the journalistic attempts to make this dribble of piss sound like the Wave of the Future. When the issue was submitted to the public, Wallace got only about 13% of the vote. And his political organization is already falling to pieces, indicating the transient character of him and his platform.))

A year ago, I wrote some articles in Xenogogic, suggesting that the domino theorists were stacking their dominoes all incorrectly. I voiced the suggestion that if a Kremlin master planner could infiltrate Washington, he could not conceivably devise a better strategy that to send half a million men off to a corner of the world, where they would be doing nothing but killing peasants and burning villages, and not even engaging the Russians and Chinese who are supposed to be our enemies, thus leaving the Russians and Chinese free to operate elsewhere without American interference.

The domino theorists should look at the record. In the past year the Communists have (1) supported the Arabs into Israel, with the Americans in Viet Nam too far away to cut support (fortunately, they didn't succeed, but not due to anything the U. S. did) (2) taken the Pueblo, with the U. S. left standing by helplessly (although it appears that we were spying and therefore did not have clean hands) (3) invaded Czechoslovakia, while we were twiddling our thumbs elsewhere.

It seems to me that those dominoes should be rearranged; when a theory is proven wrong three times in one year it's time to revise your thinking.

Maybe the Birchers are right, and Johnson is really a Communist agent. I can't conceive of any foreign policy which would benefit the Communists more than our present policy.

((Now do I have your argument straight? The reason that the American invasion of Vietnam is wrong is, that it does not leave us free to go to war in the Middle East, Korea, and Czechoslovakia?))

Back to Czechoslovakia: I blame the Johnson administration. (Although not as much as I blame the Russians). First, with all our resources and troops in Viet Nam, we were too weak to take a stand elsewhere. ((Yes, I guess I did understand you correctly.)) Second, with the U. S. saying "morality be damned" in Viet Nam, the Russians thought they could get away with it, since they would be doing the same thing in Czechoslovakia that we did in Viet Nam, therefore they thought they wouldn't be condemned by the rest of the world. (One difference, though, we were able to find a few puppets to invite us into Viet Nam.) ((They have some of their own in Czechoslovakia. Who fired Smrkovsky?))

Third, the U. S. government, according to reports in the New York Times and the New Republic, virtually encouraged the Russians to believe that we would give them a free hand in Czechoslovakia, and not make too much fuss about it. Rusk was quoted as saying "why should we help the Czechs, they are giving aid to North Viet Nam." A tacit agreement was reached with Russia, to the effect that we divide the world into spheres of influence, we can bully anyone on our half of the world, and they can bully anyone on their half of the world.

((Also, NATO comes up for renewal next year. Before this Russian stunt, it seemed that several nations would opt out. Now this anti-Russian alliance has a new lease on life. This consideration may have carried considerable weight with Rusk.

HARRY MANOGG, P. O. Box 769, Kankakee, Ill. 60901: I am for gun

controls, but I distrust our government and feel that this area of increasing government supervision will be abused. The recent Illinois gun law is as good as any, and avoids some of the troubles involved with registering each gun.

WILLIAM LEE LINDEN, 83-33 Austin St., Kew Gardens, N. Y. 11415: So Asanuma was murdered but "Henrik Verwoerd was executed. There is a difference". It seems that the criterion for whether violence is moral is whether the great John F. approves of its object. (e. g. It is all right to use it against South African politicians ((sic)), but not against Communist guerillas.) I have seen strange things, but none stranger than an atheist who thinks he's God.

If you are not God, I would like to know what gives your preferences precedence over mine and George Wallace's and Alexei Kosygin's and Lyndon Johnson's, and why I may not decide that your own murder would be "execution" and therefore only right and proper. Lastly, if you think substituting Vorster for Verwoerd was an improvement, you are mad. I always suspected as much.

((If you believe that there is no such thing as a "right of revolution" on the part of oppressed peoples, then of course all political assassination is wrong. From this viewpoint we can equally honor Reinhardt Heydrich, Benito Mussolini, John F. Kennedy, and Martin Luther King as the victims of assassination and martyrs to their versions of righteousness. But if you accept this right - and no citizen of this country can with consistency reject it - then it follows that there are circumstances where its invocation is unequivocal, circumstances where there is some doubt, and circumstances where it is unjustified. To this extent an element of personal judgment does enter in. If a man praises the assassination of John F. Kennedy as a legitimate act of tyrannicide against an oppressive ruler, and mourns the death of Henrik Verwoerd as the martyrdom of a great statesman, we are perfectly at liberty to draw the inferences about his views that these sentiments indicate.))

...the assassination issue...affords such a beautiful opportunity for a debate of Boardman vs. Boardman on violence:

"It's the difference between taking murder straight, and spicing it with hypocrisy." - John Boardman, Dec. 12, 1967.

"I had in mind the assassination of...Asanuma...Henrik Verwoerd was executed. There is a difference." - John Boardman, Sept. 21, 1968.

May I suggest that the arguments you apply incessantly to mass political killing are also applicable to solitary political killing? You think murder is all right, if the victim is someone whose politics you don't like, but have fits if a government kills those in arms against it. Any justification you give can be used to justify killing Viet Cong (Ho! Ho!) or used by say, Reinsel, to salve his conscience if he decides to "execute" the great Boardman. If someone said that Dr. King was "executed", you would instantly stream yourself into apoplexy.

Finally, you seem to lose sight of the fact that Stifanos killed Verwoerd because he wasn't racist enough, paying lip service to "separate development" instead of undiluted white supremacy. Justification seems to vanish in the light of this.

((The man who killed Verwoerd was named Tsafendakis, not Stifanos. And on his mother's side he was a Negro. In this light I find your assertion about his motives difficult to accept.))

...Here are some of my own suggestions for defunct independent states to identify: Semirechinsk, Verkheudinsk, Kilwa, Centrocaspia, the South-Eastern Union, Verarlberg, Santa Cruz, the Lokot Republic, Dadra, Fuzkadi, Manavadar, Mahabad, Maindomba, Seiyun, Mirdita.

Re: Your constant going: the Vietnamese Consulate-General cum UN Observer Mission at 866 UN Plaza writes "Viet-Nam", and on this, if nothing else, they presumably know what they are talking about.

((The only government in Vietnam which is able to maintain itself

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THE ADVENTURES OF SECRET AGENT O-O-HATE

Chapter LXIV

Secret Agent O-O-Hate was sitting at a table in the bar at the convention of the Tarpeia Society. With him were equally devoted men from other countries, united in a common determination to defeat the schemes of the sinister forces which were attempting to bring peace to the world.

"How have things been out your way?" O-O-Hate asked Senevavitch of the Neo Gay Pay Co.

"It's been a bad year," the Russian groaned over his vodka. "After Khrushchev made peace between India and Pakistan, we of course had to get rid of him. But now nobody will fight us even if we invade them. And I had been counting on a nice bloody war in Czechoslovakia. You Americans are so lucky, to have Vietnam."

"But isn't there talk of a truce there?" asked James Bomb of M. I. 5 $\frac{1}{2}$.

"Don't worry about that," O-O-Hate said. "The fighting has been going on worse than ever since the truce started. And, of course, you can be sure that there will be no agreement."

"Und don't feel so zorry fer yourself, Malyuta," said Heinrich Hoeller of West Germany to the Russian. "NATO vas chust about kaput until you moved in on der Czechs. Now ve can get it renewed for another twenty years mit no trouble."

"Ja, und der Warschau Pact too," said his twin brother Adolf H. Hoeller of East Germany.

"So everyone has had a good year except the Chinese," O-O-Hate said. "Does anyone have any ideas about the disappearance of the Chinese delegations?"

"No," said Sir Harley Davidson of Canadian Intelligence, "and I was really looking forward to seeing the sinister international Chinese-Jewish spy queen Mia Katz."

"That must have been when the Tarpeia Society had its convention on Anguilla Island," said O-O-Hate. "You and she skipped the banquet and said you'd come down with blackwater fever. Then, in the middle of the banquet, you fell through the floor of her hotel room and the ceiling of the banquet hall, and landed on Cardinal Zinn of the papal intelligence service!"

"That reminds me," asked Pierre de Friere of the Gaullois-Bleus, "what shape is the banquet table going to be this year? I'd heard that there is an argument about it."

"Oh, that's been settled," O-O-Hate said. "The banquet table will be in the shape of a swastika, so the members can stab one another in the back more easily."

A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE GRAND DUCHY OF BEAUCOUILLON - XXXV

After General de Gaulle's 1958 coup d'etat in neighboring France, there was some concern in Beaucouillon that the more straight-laced tone of the new government might menace the traditional customs of the tiny Grand Duchy. However, the astute advice given to Cosimo XV by his chief adviser, Count Nicole d'Avinc, prevented any drop in the country's income. Most of Paris's leading publishers, exiled by de Gaulle, settled in Beaucouillon and have been conducting operations from there ever since.

Beaucouillon is one of the few countries that has never joined the United Nations, despite frequent offers of space in the Secretariat

Building for a branch of the Grand Ducal Bourse. The Grand Duke, in a speech before Beaucauillon's parliament in 1959, explained his country's attitude in these words: •

"While a Grand Ducal branch office at the United Nations would be profitable for Beaucauillon, and welcomed as a place of relaxation and refreshment by the delegates, it would diminish the absolutely universal hospitality offered by Beaucauillon. Neither German nor Chinese citizens would have access to the U. N. facilities, while they have full access to the Grand Ducal Bourse here in Beaucauillon.

"Furthermore, this refusal is in the best interests of the U. N. Gambling is, naturally, not the only amenity offered by our country. If a branch of the House of All Nations were established at the U. N., it could crystallize a growing anti-U. N. sentiment in the puritanical United States."

1968CI ("GRAUSTARK II") - PRESS RELEASES

LONDON: Minister of the Navy Sir Joseph Porter, KCB, announced that the fleets have raised steam and moved to the northeast. We've had some taunts from some foemen, said he, and we're going out to snap our fingers at them - and maybe snap a few bones on their side, too.

LIVERPOOL: Major General Bartholomew Stanley, truly a model of a modern press officer, announced that the Royal Liverpool Fusiliers, the Queen's Own Highland Regiment, and the Coldstream Guards were all to be sent to Edinburgh, there to join the troop convoys leaving for maneuvers.

CONSTANTINOPLE (May 1901, SPP (Sultan's Puppet Press)) - The Quixotic Sultan Yuk - origins of the name are still under investigation - today announced his intention to attack everyone at a y and all times for any reasons, including his own. However, true to form, he changed his mind after a tension-releasing evening in the harem, and considerably moderated his views. Rumors persisted, however, that future difficulties might arise from the alleged failure of 100 concubines to arrive as scheduled in London. Disregarding the suggestions of assistants (5 were decapitated, 3 thrown into the Bosphorus) that two weeks was perhaps an ambitious schedule for the good will gifts - since they were walking - he petulantly stomped his jaded foot and cried, "They KNOW the treasury can't afford transportation, and they would have done it for their Sultan."

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The implicit assumption of foul play had the capital abuzz with discussions of who the culprit might be, but the Sultan, en route to his vacation play round in IndoChina ("anywhere they used to worship the phallus can't be that bad," chuckled the Sultan) didn't seem concerned for the moment. It is assumed, however, that some time in the next few months, heads will roll.

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without the support of a foreign army spells it "Vietnam".))

"To fit in with the change of events, words, too, had to change their usual meanings. What used to be described as a thoughtless act of aggression was now regarded as the courage one would expect to find in a party member; to think of the future and wait was merely another way of saying one was a coward; any idea of moderation was just an attempt to disguise one's unmanly character; ability to understand a question from all sides meant that one was totally unfitted for action. Fanatical enthusiasm was the mark of a real man... Anyone who held violent opinions could always be trusted, and anyone who objected to them

became a suspect." - Thucydides, III 85.

((Odd you should mention Thucydides. The historical parallels between the Sicilian and Vietnamese expeditions are getting more and more evident. In both cases a nation nominally committed to democracy but actually a plutocracy went in for empire building. Those who objected to this policy, both at home or abroad (Melos, Dominican Republic) were suppressed with a vigor that reflected ill on the democratic professions of the imperial power. The war dragged on for years and years, causing an appalling slaughter, until finally the other states combined to bring down imperial ambitions that endangered them all.))

Did you read Renata Adler's review of "The Lion in Winter", in which she complains of "a lot of pointless and vicious conspiracy, as in a game of Diplomacy."? We will have to picket the Times to protest her slander on Our Game. Vicious we are, but never pointless - unless perhaps La Gemignani is writing orders.

...Can X. K. X. be the power behind Pegasus Fig? . . .

...The latest development in the conspiracy theory of history is not the Communist Conspiracy. It is the Sinister Monolithic International Conservative Conspiracy about which so much has been written by John Boardman, Ph. D. It is also known as "the Establishment" and "the Military-Industrial Complex". (In a prison interview last summer, Regis Debray raves that the CIA controls not only all the governments of the Americas, but all the governments of Europe, including Debeek and Co. I am sure De Gaulle and Tito would be interested to know this.)

((Yes, every time a government falls in Africa, the CIA gets blamed. The conspiracy theory is generally as preposterous here as it is with alleged Jewish, Communist, or Catholic conspiracies. (Watch for more news about an alleged Catholic conspiracy called "Opus Dei".) Somehow if a number of people act according to a common economic interest, it is assumed that they hatched the whole thing out in a secret hide-out long in advance. While the CIA has been engaged in a number of bone-headed attempts to overthrow foreign governments, and may well have been involved in the first Kennedy assassination, preposterous reports of its pervasiveness and insidiousness can be dismissed out of hand.))

...Have you thought of Alash Orda? The Mountaineers' Republic? The Republic of Palamares? Tellguria? The Republic of Maryland? The most chaotic is yet to come!

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